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G. O. (P) No. 42/2026/Home.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, *25th March, 2026* / *11th Meenam,1201* / *4th Chaithra, 1948.*

S. R. O. No. 448/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section 3 of Section 265, Sub-Section 2 of Section 266 and Section 308 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023), the Government of Kerala is pleased to notify the following offices/ institutions in the State of Kerala as designated places for the examination of witness through

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audio - video electronic means:-

LIST-I

Sl No.	**Places which are designated Remote Point Centres under all circumstances**
1.	All remote point centres attached to Courts across the State of Kerala.
2.	All Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centres across the State of Kerala.
3.	Mobile e-sewa Units under the District Judiciary.
4.	Chambers, residence or court rooms of judges and other judicial officers.
5.	A secure and designated space with adequate technical facilities to conduct proceedings through audio-video electronic means, wherever available in the offices listed below:
a.	Office of the Kerala State Legal Services Authority.
b.	Office of the High Court Legal Services Committee.
c.	Office of the District Legal Services Authorities.
d.	Office of the Taluk Legal Services Committees.
e.	Office of the High Court Arbitration Centre.
f.	Office of the District and State Mediation Centres.
g.	Office of the permanent Lok Adalat and other Lok Adalat.
h.	Prisons and correctional centres.
i.	Women Rescue Homes, Protection Homes and Shelter Homes run by the Government of India or the Government of State of Kerala.
j.	Child Care Institutions, including Observation Homes, Special Homes, Children's Homes and Shelter Homes under the control of the Government of India or the State Government.
k.	Central, State or District Forensic Science Laboratories.
l.	Indian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates abroad.
m.	All Government Hospitals, including Mental Health Hospitals.
n	All Government Medical Colleges of the State.
o.	State and District Fingerprint Bureaus.
p.	Courts in other states and Union Territories, once duly designated as remote point centres by competent authorities.

LIST-II

Sl No.	**Places which may be designated only when the officials of the relevant department have no role as a party having interest in the proceedings or as an investigating**

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	agency which had involved in the investigation of the matter under consideration or when the court by a reasoned order, so directs.
1.	Remote Point Centres attached to any Central or State Government office having sufficient technical facilities to the satisfaction of the court conducting the proceedings.
2.	A secure, specific place in the hospitals other than mentioned in List I, having sufficient technical facilities to the satisfaction of the court conducting the proceedings.
3.	A secure, specific place in the banks including nationalised and scheduled banks and insurance companies recognised by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, having sufficient technical facilities to the satisfaction of the court conducting the proceedings.
4.	Any other place having sufficient technical facilities to the satisfaction of the court conducting the proceedings.

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-Section (3) of Section 265 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 empowers the State Government to notify designate places for examination of witness for prosecution through audio-video means. Sub-Section (2) of Section 266 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 empowers the State Government to notify designate places for examination of witness for his/her defence through audio-video means. Section 308 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 empowers to take evidence in the course of the trial or other proceeding in the presence of the accused, or, when his personal attendance is dispensed with, in the presence of his advocate including through audio-video electronic means at the designated place to be notified by the State Government. Now the Government have decided to issue notification for the said purpose.

This notification is issued to achieve the above objective.

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